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MARCH 17, 1973

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: WINSTON LORD

MY ONE-HOUR BRIEFING SESSION WITH THEIR NUMBER TWO MAN WAS CORDIAL AND UNEVENTFUL. I HEWED RELIGIOUSLY TO THE EXCELLENT TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR ME IN A 45-MINUTE PRESENTATION. DURING THIS THE ONLY INTERRUPTION, ASIDE FROM FORCE FEEDING OF SPRING ROLLS, WAS HIS QUERY WHETHER I MEANT MAY WHEN I SAID THAT BRANDT WAS INVITED TO COME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I REPLIED THAT WE WERE AIMING FOR THAT PERIOD BUT THAT NO DEFINITE DATE WAS SET.

BUT INFORMATION WAS GREETED WITH FRIENDLY IMPASSIVENESS EXCEPT FOR A MODEST STIFFENING OF POSTURE DURING MY LAST SUBJECT. AT NO TIME THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, HOWEVER, DID HE EVER COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT OR WHAT I SAID ABOUT IT.

WHEN I FINISHED HE SAID THAT THEY APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES AROUND THE WORLD, AS WELL AS OUR RECENT RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER BIG COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE EVERYTHING TO HIS CAPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ADDED THAT HE CERTAINLY DID NOT NEED TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION ON THESE ISSUES BECAUSE HIS LEADERS HAD GIVEN THESE TO YOU ON YOUR RECENT VISIT.

DURING SOME LIGHT CONVERSATION OVER TEA, HE ASKED ABOUT RUMORS HE HAD SEEN THAT WE AND JAPAN ARE PREPARED TO HELP THE SOVIET UNION DEVELOP ITS OIL RESOURCES. I NOTED THAT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BRIEFLY DURING YOUR TRIP AND I WAS QUITE SURE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE OUR RETURN BUT THAT I WOULD GET AN AUTHORITATIVE ANSWER FROM YOU. I ASKED HIM WHETHER HE HAD AN OFFICIAL VIEW TO RELAY ON THIS, AND HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT AND WAS ONLY ASKING ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HAVING READ THESE REPORTS IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

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NOTING THAT WE HAD JUST WELCOMED THEIR PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS, HE ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEND SOME PEOPLE ON HIS MISSION TO WASHINGTON BEFORE THE ADVANCE PARTY TO LOOK INTO ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS. I ASSURED HIM THAT THIS WOULD BE NO PROBLEM AND ASKED HIM TO LET US KNOW WHEN THEY WISHED TO SEND THESE PEOPLE.

WE THEN CONCLUDED THE MEETING WITH HIS REPEATING THAT HE WOULD REPORT EVERYTHING IMMEDIATELY TO HIS CAPITAL.

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